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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jean-Francois AUTECHAUD

Serial No.: 09/558,377

Filed: April 26, 2000

For: MODULAR INTERCONNECTION  
ARCHITECTURE FOR AN EXPANDABLE  
MULTIPROCESSOR MACHINE, USING A  
MULTILEVEL BUS HIERARCHY AND  
THE SAME BUILDING BLOCK FOR ALL  
THE LEVELS

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 16,  
2003. Please amend the application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Claim Listing beginning on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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Invention: **Modular Interconnection Architecture for an Expandable Multiprocessor Machine; Using a Multilevel Bus Hierarchy and the Same Building Block for All the Levels**

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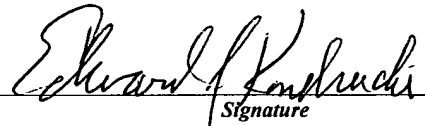
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